

AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

Agenda Subject: Resolution No. 4461			Date: March 4, 2009
Department:	Attachments:	H-M	Budget Impact:
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Administrative Recommendation:			
City Council adopt Resolution No. 4461.			
Background Summary:			
Section 623 of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 authorizes local franchising authorities to regulate rates for equipment and installations.			
Resolution No. 4461 sets forth an Order regarding the maximum permitted equipment and installation rates set forth in the Federal Communications Commission form 1205 filed by Comcast Cable Communications, LLC on or about April 1, 2008.			
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Meeting Date: March 16, 2009		Item Number: VIII	B.5

RESOLUTION NO. 4461

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, CONSTITUTING AN ORDER REGARDING THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION RATES SET FORTH IN THE **FEDERAL** COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FORM 1205 FILED BY COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS LLC ON OR ABOUT APRIL 1, 2008

WHEREAS, Section 623 of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, 47 U.S.C. § 543, as amended, authorizes local franchising authorities, such as the City of Auburn, Washington (hereinafter the "City"), to regulate rates for equipment and installations; and

WHEREAS, the City is certified as a rate regulation authority pursuant to rules of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC"); and

WHEREAS, Comcast Cable Communications LLC, (hereinafter "Comcast"), parent of the local franchise holder, filed with the City an FCC Form 1205 "Determining Regulated Equipment and Installation Costs, 'Equipment Form", dated April 1, 2008, purporting to set forth and justify the rates it proposed to charge to subscribers for equipment and installations (hereinafter the "2008 FCC Form 1205"); and

WHEREAS, the City provided interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the 2008 FCC Form 1205; and

WHEREAS, the rates set forth herein will govern Comcast's equipment rates and installation charges until Comcast lawfully implements a further rate change pursuant to applicable FCC regulations,

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN,

HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. Comcast's maximum permitted rates and charges for

equipment and installation, as calculated in the 2008 FCC Form 1205, are

neither approved nor denied, but may function as a rate ceiling during the

relevant rate period.

Section 2. Comcast shall not charge any rates higher than the

applicable maximum permitted rates set in the 2008 FCC Form 1205 nor

increase those rates, unless such rates are first filed with and approved by the

City, in accordance with applicable law and regulations, including but not limited

to the notice requirements imposed by 47 C.F.R. § 76.932, or as otherwise

expressly permitted under applicable law and regulations.

Section 3. Comcast may charge rates less than the lawful maximum

permitted rates for equipment and installation, as long as such rates are applied

in a uniform and nondiscriminatory way, pursuant to applicable federal, state and

local laws and regulations. The City, however, shall not be deemed to have

approved such rates.

Section 4. This Order is based on the representations made by

Comcast in its 2008 FCC Form 1205. Should information come to the City's

attention that these representations were inaccurate in any material way; the City

reserves the right to take appropriate action. This Order is not to be construed

as a finding that the City has accepted as correct any specific entry, explanation,

calculation or rate in the 2008 FCC Form 1205.

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Section 5. The City reserves all of its rights with respect to rate

regulation, including (but not limited to): (i) the right to request and review data,

and documents concerning the 2008 FCC Form 1205 in order to determine the

impact, if any, such data and documents have on rates proposed in future

equipment and installation rate filings; (ii) the right to address issues raised in the

2008 FCC Form 1205 that are relevant to any City review of subsequent

equipment and installation rate filings; and (iii) the right to request additional

information concerning the 2008 FCC Form 1205 that is relevant to any City

review of subsequent equipment and installation rate filings.

Section 6. This Order constitutes a written decision for purposes of 47

C.F.R. § 76.936(a).

Section 7. This Order shall be released to the public and to Comcast,

and a public notice shall be published stating that this Order has been issued and

is available for review, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.936(b).

Section 8. That the Mayor is authorized to implement such

administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this

legislation.

Section 9. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force

upon passage and signatures hereon.

Dated and Signed this _____ day of ______, 2009.

CITY OF AUBURN

PETER B. LEWIS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Danielle E. Daskam, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney